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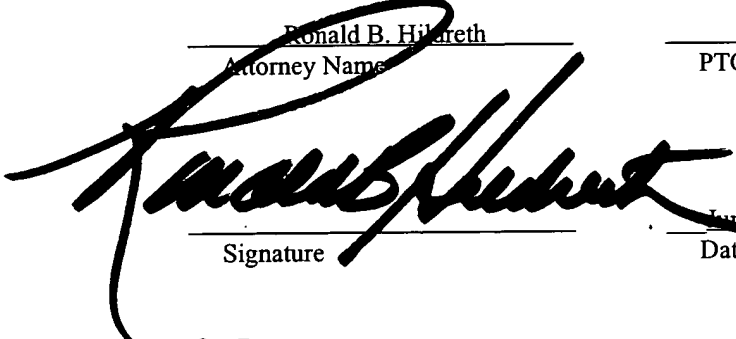
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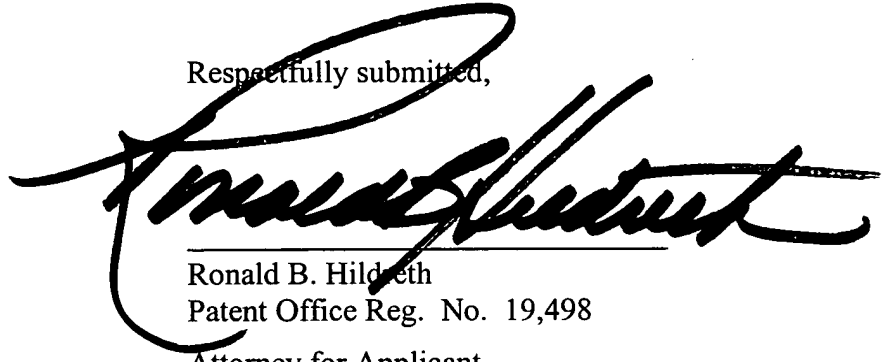
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A claim for priority is hereby made under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.

§119 for the above-identified U.S. patent application based upon the German patent

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